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Wm Thompson Sept 25th 1866

Dear Sir

In the later numbers of the Bot mag for 1848 I find an interesting accot from your pen of the plants observed & collected by Dr Wislizenus in Texas & California. Having learned from the Kew Gardens, with which I have an annual exchange of plants, that those named by you have not been yet raised there, (at least those to which I will presently allude) I am induced from my desire to hasten them to address you on the subject, trusty that my application will not be deemed impertinent. The plants to

to which I refer & which I feel more especially interested are the following

Codonidium gracile
Arizona, beautiful large pale
Hendecandra texensis
Linum aristatum
Delphinium found near Llano
& Codichiniachi
Silene rebated to multicaulis
& Nocciana
Eryngium with toothed leaves elegans
pectinate
Linnia intermediate between
elegans & multiflora
Hencheria sanguinea
Pentstemon coccineus
Lobelia macronata
— pectinata
— Phyllostachys
Leucophyllum texanum
Gregia rupestris
Hunnemannia fumariaefolia
this has been introduced here, but is now

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e lost as far as I can learn, & I have made many enquiries for it. Should it be in your power to favour me ~~with~~ a few seeds I any of the foregoing I shall indeed be delighted and thankful for the boon. Or in their absence, seeds of any of those you have referred to in a more general manner would be equally acceptable, I allude to the hardy herbaceous class, & annuals. I judge that few seeds from this quarter would be likely to be of service to you, but if it be otherwise I would gladly send anything you might desire in exchange, that I may possibly be able to obtain here. So many of our floral treasures are of the wood bijou that it would not be easy to name many novelties from other quarters belong to the class of plants to which my attention has been directed.

But though I cannot of pretend to offer you an equivalent in seeds, I would gladly purchase seeds of the plants I have named, if such a proposition be not offensive to you.

I am unaware whether St Louis possesses a Botanic garden, should it be so, perhaps the Pentstemon glandulosus & Oxytropis Lambertii may be cultivated there, in which case I would venture to beg a few seeds of each. Both have been introduced here, but are now quite lost, as well as many other American plants. Pentstemon Cobaea, Bradburii, acuminatus (Nutt), pruinosus, tryphyllus, Staticifolius, crassatus, tubiflorus & other species which from their figures ought to be interesting, are no longer procurable. I will only further trespass on your time to say that upon the smallest hint you may be able to forward I shall gladly pay postage or other expenses.

Trusting that you will pardon my presumption in addressing you I beg to remain dear Sir

Dr. G. Engelmann Yours very respectfully W. Thompson